



Virginia Green Lodging



Westin Tysons Corner Falls Church, Virginia

At the Westin Tysons Corner, we see sustainability as both a best business practice and an integral service to our guests and community. We have implemented a full-stream recycling program and are dedicated to reducing our energy and waste streams. From our meeting settings to menus, we've implemented environmentally conscious choices, including sustainably grown foods, which are featured in our restaurant and banquet offerings. Look for upcoming promotions and special events from the Westin Tysons Corner to promote a cleaner, greener contribution that we all can make to our environment.

The Westin Tysons Corner is a 405-room, full service hotel that raises the bar among suburban hotels, striving to create a restorative atmosphere by anticipating the needs of our guests and tending to them intuitively. Each guest room offers the Westin signature Heavenly Bed® and Bath, High Speed Internet Access, a flat panel HDTV and 24-hour room service to help replenish your body and elevate your senses. Unwind in our Bluefire Restaurant and Lounge and savor the innovative menu. With 11,000 square feet of newly-renovated meeting space and our "best in class" service, the Westin Tysons Corner is prepared to make every stay and event memorable.



A tranquil oasis residing beside our nation's capital, The Westin Tysons Corner offers something for everyone, whether you want to work, relax, or explore. We are conveniently located in the heart of the Tysons Corner neighborhood, near the Tysons Corner Center and Galleria Malls, and major highways; I-495, Route 66 and Route 7, making Washington, DC, easily accessible by car or metro. Find the best of yourself at The Westin Tysons Corner.

GREEN ACTIVITIES The Westin Tysons Corner team is committed to sustainability and renewal. By reducing our impact on the environment, we can encourage healthy growth in both a personal and professional capacity.



Optional Linen Service. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals



Recycling and Waste Reduction. Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located: in the guest rooms, public space and back of house offices.

- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries
- Track overall solid waste costs
- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill

Guest rooms

- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items

Kitchen (or meetings/events)

- Recycle fryer grease and/or filter grease prior to recycling
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste

Dining room (or meetings/events)

- Use disposable foodservice items made from bio-based materials, renewable materials
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made with recycled content
- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable
- Use cloth napkins
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles



Restrooms

- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper

Office

- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

Building and grounds

- Use latex low or no-VOC paints
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents (required by law)
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping



Water Conservation. The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time

Activities indoors

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed:
 - Low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
 - Automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms

Activities outdoors

- Have an effective landscape management plan which minimizes lawn areas

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time

Heating and cooling

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

Lighting

- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning

Appliances and electronic devices

- Have adopted a policy / practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other device in unoccupied rooms an the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages

For more information on **Westin Tysons Corner**, see www.westintysonscornerhotel.com or contact Mark Namdar at mnamdar@westintysonscorner.com or (703) 893-1340.

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia’s campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. *Virginia Green* is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation. The program has established “core activities” specific to each sector of tourism; these practices are the minimum requirements for participation in the program, but encourages participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreeen or www.viriniagreentravel.org.

